

Hi Fans!

In reply to numerous inquiries concerning Richard's health, let me assure you he is fine. The casts have been removed from his leg and his right arm. His left arm must remain in a cast for awhile longer but it hasn't hindered him from working. He's been recording day and night to complete the new album which is scheduled to be released in April. The name of the new album is NOW AND THEN and will include their latest hit SING.

There has been a mountain of requests for another question and answer session so here goes.

Q. Why doesn't Richard sing more on records?

A. Be sure to listen to their upcoming album. You'll hear a lot of Richard and he does a terrific job.

Q. What color is Karen's drum set?

A. Sparkling silver.

Q. Did Mrs. Carpenter object to Karen playing drums at first?

A. She never objected. When Karen decided one Sunday that she wanted a set of drums, Mom and Dad drove miles to find a music store that was open and they bought her a set of drums.

Q. What kind of records does Richard collect?

A. Everything from classical to rock. He is especially interested in old Spike Jones records.

Q. Did Karen sing when she was a little girl?

A. No. She was more interested in baseball.

Q. What made Karen sing? Did she realize she had such a great voice?

A. No, she didn't. It was difficult to convince her. Her mom and friends tried to tell her but she thought they were being kind. She finally gained confidence from choir work in college and encouragement from the choir director, Mr. Pooler.

Q. How did she learn to play the drums so well?

A. Drumming was inborn. As a youngster she was constantly drumming tabletops, chairs, etc., with her fingers in time to records and Richard's piano playing.

Q. Does K feel uncomfortable traveling with so many men?

A. No. She feels safe. They are all very protective of her. Her hairdresser, Maria also travels with them.

Q. Do K & R like outdoor sports?

A. Yes, especially swimming and bike riding.

Q. Do K & R have other special talents?

A. Richard's many talents are all in the music field. Karen is also an excellent artist and won a poster contest when she was in high school.

Q. What is Karen's voice range?

A. From D below middle C to G above high C.

Q. Have they done any TV commercials?

A. Yes. They sang a potato chip commercial in Texas.

Q. Did K or R ever wear braces on their teeth?

A. No.

Q. Do they have any new pets?

A. They have two goldfish named Jonella and Elliott, a Christmas gift from Doug & Gary.

Q. What is their nationality?

A. German on their mother's side and English on their father's side. (This is a correction of the same question in Newsletter # 13.)

Q. Are T-Shirts still available?

A. Yes, there are still some T-Shirts. Most of the yellow ones have been sold but red ones and blue ones are still in stock. We also have an ample supply of patches, posters, pennants, pens, bumper-stickers and key chains. And of course, back issues of Newsletters. WE HAVE A LIMITED SUPPLY OF GOLD PLATED KEY CHAINS AVAILABLE TO FAN CLUB MEMBERS FOR \$3.00 each. These will soon be a collectors item as availability will end when the present supply runs out. So send your orders early.

Many, many thanks from Karen for the lovely cards and gifts she received from you. She and her mom, whose birthday falls three days later, celebrated their birthdays at home with a quiet party with close friends. The high light of the evening was a preview of some of the new songs that will be on the upcoming album. All I can say is WOW!!

Mom Carpenter sends heartfelt thanks to you for the birthday cards and gifts she received from you. You fans are really something! You're the best fans in the world.

Will rap again next month,

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